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• A skinzine for skinhead girls is in the planning. If you want to help drop Sham a line at 451 3rd Avenue, Verdun, Montreal PQ, H4G 2Y3. Canada.

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Above: Good to see that the Australian police are doing their best to keep the streets safe for skinheads. The above ad appeared in The West Australian newspaper (thanks to Perth skinhead Duncan for sending it in).

SKINS IN YUGO WAR

As the United Nations' ceasefire seems to be holding in the Serbo-Croat war, more news is expected of foreign volunteers who are serving in the Croatian army. At least two French skinheads are known to have left for the front, and the last reports suggested that at least one had been injured. Like the other foreigners serving, it is alleged that a price has been put on their heads by the Serbian army, and little has been heard of them since their departure for the war.

Dudley Somers, he of Backs Against The Wall fame, now runs a mail order service for original skinhead clothing and records. Prices are a bit on the steep side, but everything is top notch quality, and he offers you your money back if the stuff doesn't fit or you don't like it when you see it. Plus the bloke's honest and knows what he's talking about skinhead-wise. For the latest list send a SAE/1 IRC to Dudley at Hotshot, 86 Ninian Road, Roath, Cardiff. CF2 5EP. Wales. And if you mention Maidstone United you'll make the bloke's day.

TWO SKINHEADS have opened a skinhead shop in Madrid, the capital of Spain. Street Style, which is on Calle San Raimundo, opened its doors last October and sells Freds, Lonsdale, Ben Shermans, Doc Martens, Harringtons and all the usual skinhead clobber.

Soon Jose and his partner Jasetxo (pictured left outside the shop) hope to be selling ska, reggae, punk and soul records too.

So if you live in Madrid, or are planning to visit it, don't forget to drop in and see what's on offer.

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The soldier in question wasn't in fact Dr. Marten and he wasn't even German. He was Herbert Funck, a Luxemburger who had been brought up in Germany.

After the Second World War, he met an old friend from his days at Munich University by the name of Klaus Maertens. Together they decided to produce these new cushioned soles.

How would you like to get hold of original skinhead gear in good condition, but without the fancy price tags? We're talking Sixties and early Seventies Ben Shermans, Brutus and Jaytex for less than a fiver, Levi's sta-press for about the same and so on. And who wants Richard Allen books for two or three quid each? It can be done and here's how. We've started collecting secondhand gear from markets and other skins and are going to sell them on to readers of SKINHEAD TIMES. There won't be any lists printed

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Women buy far more shoes than men, so it wasn't long before they moved into that market. In fact even today 80% of DM shoes are sold in styles for women over the age of 40!

When a British boot company, Griggs of Nottingham, licensed the soles to go with steel capped industrial boots in the late Fifties nobody thought anything of it. Ten years passed with Griggs happily churning out 5,000 pairs a week and then skinheads arrived.

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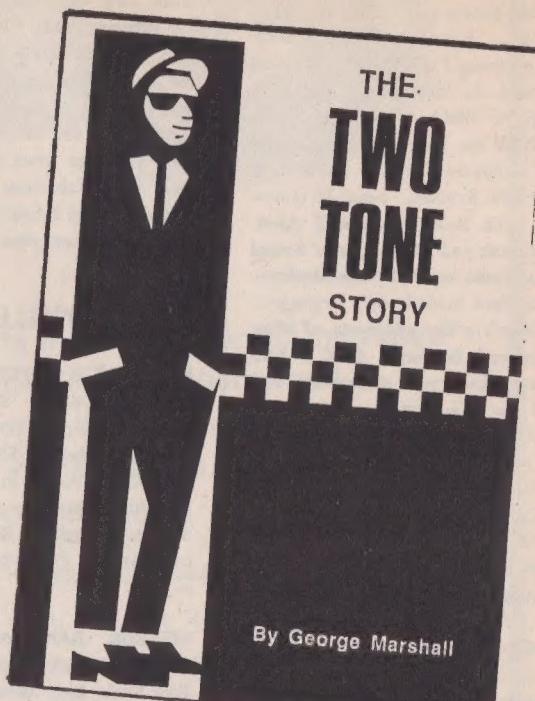
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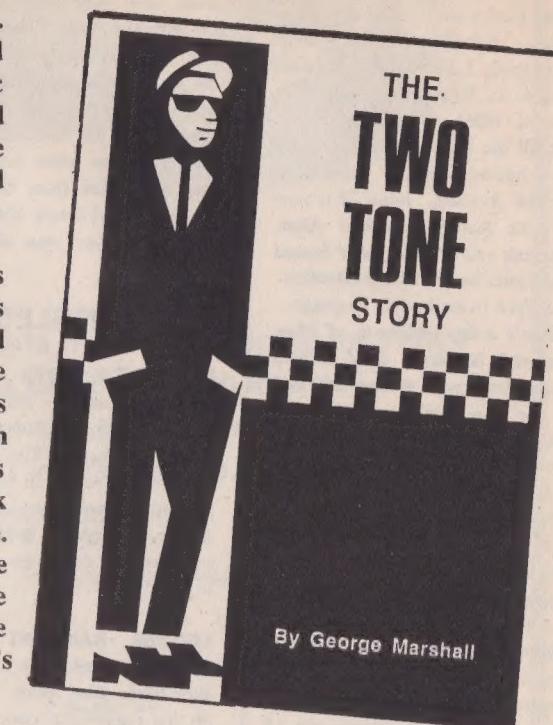
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VARIOUS ARTISTS - American Headaches (Dim Records) A collection of hardcore and punk cuts that originally saw the light of day as singles on the yank Headache label. The Wretched Ones, The Wussies, Mental Decay, Niblick Henblane and Mental Decay are the bands in question. Not quite my

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EL BOSSO & DIE PING PONGS - Ich Bin Touri (Pork Pie) Crazy name and a mini-album that runs as far away as it can from ska without cutting the elastic on side A before pinging back right into the middle of skankin' mayhem on side B. Der Mann Mit Bart Und Brille's is instantly likeable, but the rest might have to grow on you.

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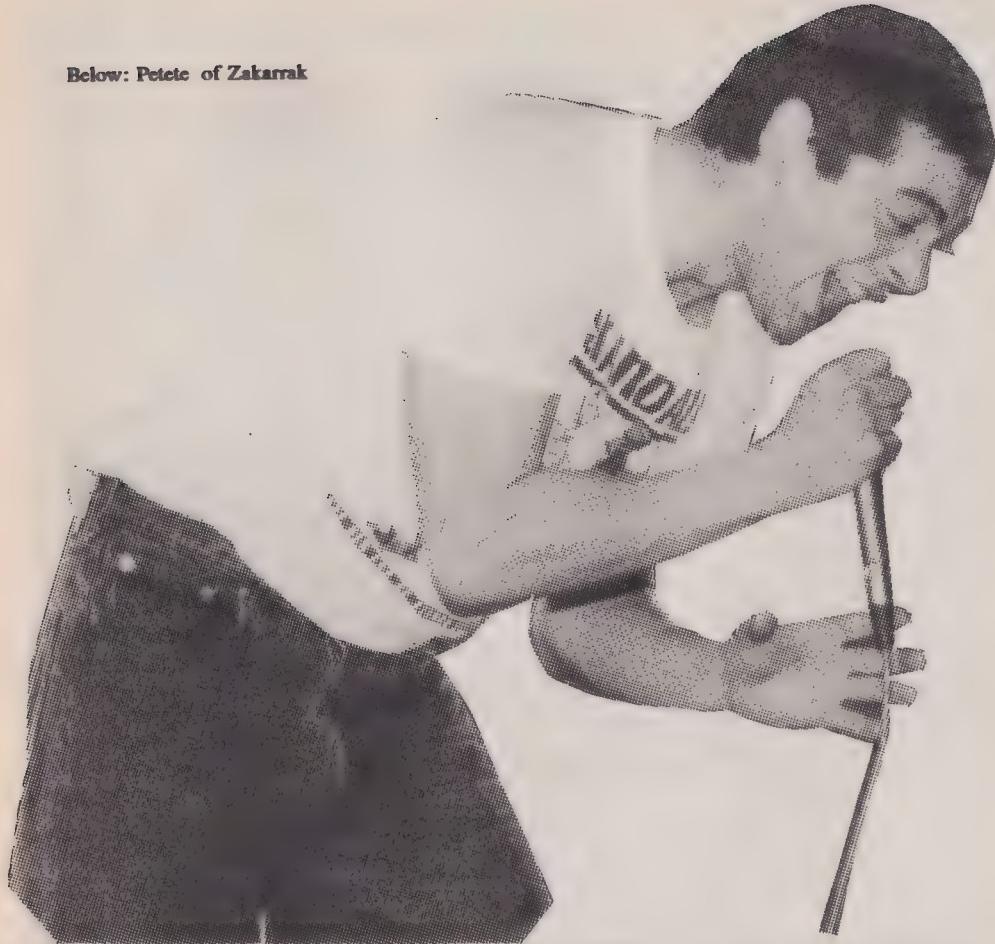
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Above: Skinheads outside a recent gig in Neustadt, near Lubeck, in Germany. On the bill were Oi! band, Springtoifel and ska nutters Messer Banzani. Loads of fun (and beer) was had, which just goes to show that Oi! and ska go down a treat together.

(photo Mike Buytas)

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True, few of the new bands have reached the dizzy heights of penning songs as sweet as "Borstal Breakout", but a few are getting there. And our tip for the top is Zakarrak, the five piece Oi! band from the Basque Country, in northern Spain.

Zakarrak might well sound like the name of this year's Eurovision Song Contest band from Turkey, but in Basque the word means rough or brutal. As well as their own language, the Basques have their own culture and are fiercely independent. About a thousand skinheads walk the back streets of the Basque Country, and most of them have no time for Nazi

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politics - a tradition amongst a people who for years opposed Franco's regime.

The band started out four years ago, but have only taken things seriously for the last year or two, playing gigs and flogging a blinding demo which has clocked up sales of around 1,000 in Spain and abroad.

Gigs for skinhead bands don't fall off trees in any part of the world, and Zakarrak have only ever played outside of their Basque homeland once, for a gig in the Catalunya region of sunny Spain.

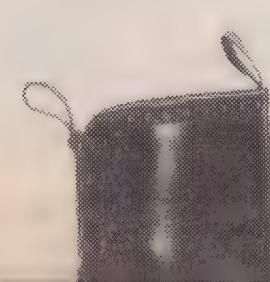
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News has reached us of a big German punk/Oi! festival due to take place on the 14th of March at JFH Horn-Lehe in Bremen. On the bill are The Shamrocks, Silly Encores, Public Toys, Vandelen and headliners Springtoifel. Ticket info can be had from Sir Holgi Horn on 0421 27664.

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Belgium Calling

About 350 people, mostly Belgian punks and German skinheads, turned up in the small Belgian town of Itegem for a punk/Oi! festival.

First band on were The Mushrooms from Belgium, but they weren't very good. They sounded very monotonous and played too many covers, but were still quite well received by the punks in the crowd.

Fellow Belgian punks Void Section were far better and were one of the best bands of the evening. They played fast, powerful, but still melodic punk, with slight hardcore tinges. Their

stage show was excellent too - definitely a band to look out for.

Then Max Splodge and his boys took to the stage. They weren't at their best tonight because Max had badly injured his head and they were all pissed. Still, some good tunes were knocked out, although one of my favourites "Delirious" was missing, and "Two Pints Of Lager" was murdered.

The highlight of the set though was when Max was joined on stage by a German skinhead and a drunk blow-up doll for a rowdy take of "I Fought The Law".

A hard act to follow, but another band from Belgium,

Funeral Dress, did so with ease. Basic, but hard hitting punk, with singalong lyrics like "Free Beer For Punks" and "Punk Is Still Alive" had the crowd eating out of their hands.

And so to the main attraction, Red Alert. Due to problems detailed elsewhere, they were unable to play a full set, since stand-in guitarist, Red London's Gaz Stoker, hadn't had time to learn it all.

Still, it didn't stop them playing most of their classics like "In Britain", "SPG", "There's A Guitar Burning", "One Man's Resistance" and even a couple of Cockney Rejects' numbers. They obviously enjoyed themselves and are at their best live, but



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Belgium Calling

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stage show was excellent too - definitely a band to look out for.

Then Max Splodge and his boys took to the stage. They weren't at their best tonight because Max had badly injured his head and they were all pissed. Still, some good tunes were knocked out, although one of my favourites "Delirious" was missing, and "Two Pints Of Lager" was murdered.

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And so to the main attraction, Red Alert. Due to problems detailed elsewhere, they were unable to play a full set, since stand-in guitarist, Red London's Gaz Stoker, hadn't had time to learn it all.

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Red London were also billed to play, but Kid Stoker ended up doing "Blitzkrieg Bop" and "Police And Thieves" with Red Alert. Then Red Alert ended up playing their own set again, and were even talked into playing an improvised version of "We've Got The Power" by the crowd.

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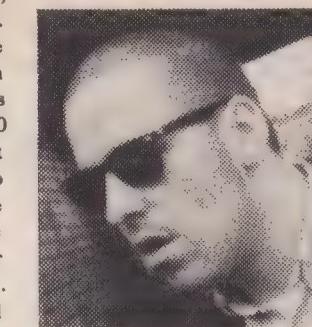
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*Two publications that might be of interest to you. The first is a fanzine called **THE SKIN OF SKINS** which comes complete with colour cover and colour insert. Its editor, German skinhead Jochen Weischedel, reckons tattoos are the art of the working classes and that's exactly what this zine is dedicated to. Inside are features on Rose Tattoo, skinhead girls and others, plus he is looking for other photos of skinhead tattoos to use in future issues. Send £2 or 5DM to Jochen at Elsenhansstr. 17, 7000 Stuttgart 30. Germany. The other one is a comprehensive guide to Motown and its stars by skinhead Harry Dichmann. It's in German and is a must for all fans of Detroit soul. Send £1.50 or 4DM for a copy to Hartmut Dichmann, Wittekindstr. 8, 5000 Hagen 1. Germany. Harry has written an introduction to soul, which will appear in the next issue of **SKINHEAD TIMES**.*

SKINHEAD POSTERS



ONCE BITTEN, TWICE SHY

BILLED AS THE TERRY EDWARDS ALL STARS with a promise of the return of the Las Palmas 7, it certainly looked like a reunion was on the cards as the DJ spun every Madness single ever released. The crowd which more than filled the Dublin Castle's capacity had the place at fever pitch as we for the return of Madness.

Things looked very promising when Lee Thompson, Mark Bedford and Chris Foreman made their way through the packed hall and on to the stage. They were followed by Terry Edwards (vocals/sax), Seamus Beaghen (keys), Tommy Barlow (sax), Mike Kearse (trombone), John Eacott (trumpet) and Dave Bryant (drums).

The first numbers were covers of "Liquidator" and "Phoenix City", followed by some of Terry

Edwards' own material. The music -all instruments bar "Totally Wired" - was excellent, but the big problem was that the crowd were hanging on to every note, willing each number to end and the full Madness line-up take over.

After half an hour I was beginning to give up hope, when to everyone's relief, Suggs appeared in the audience and rumours that Chas Smash had arrived flew around.

Was this the moment we'd been waiting for? Afraid not. Suggs just danced, laughed and took people's beer. Chas had apparently left. The nearest we came to anything like Madness was an airing of "Benny Bullfrog" sang by Lee Thompson.

The end of the night came and I felt cheated, a sentiment that was also voiced by the crowd. This

was nothing to do with the music. Terry Edwards had some decent material with strong catchy numbers such as "Dice Man", "Container Drivers" and "Bingo Masters Breakout", all packed full of brass.

Problem was everyone wanted Madness, so Terry Edwards' talent was wasted, especially on the large skinhead presence which made up the bulk of the audience.

I don't know what sort of stunt the organisers were trying to pull. It was a definite bums on seats ploy that could well have caused a riot. Like SKINHEAD TIMES said recently, it's bad enough that ska fans are ripped off by Pauline Black using the name The Selecter when she knows full well that it's Pauline Black supported by Bad Manners.

This gig was another crowd drawing rip-off. Unfortunately, "you don't know unless you go" as the poster stated, and the powers that be know that only too well.

Cockney Kev

Congratulations to Lainey and Paul McGinn who had a little cropped chap on the 17th of January at the Queen Mother's Hospital, Glasgow. It weighed in at 8lbs 4oz and the good news is, it looks nothing like Chris Butler.

The next issue of SKINHEAD TIMES will be out in April.

Competition Time!

EYES DOWN FOR SKINHEAD BINGO! Only joking, but we do have a competition with a great prize, thanks to the generosity of Stirling skin Barry Fitzgerald.

Thanks to a cock-up at the Post Office (now that is a surprise - Ed), and to cut a long story short, Barry ended up with a spare set of classic singles on the Prince Buster label. And rather than keep them or flog them, he wants them to go to a reader of this humble newspaper.

So if you want a dozen of

repressed gems like Derrick Morgan's "Sunday, Monday" and Prince Buster's "Big Five" just send us your name and address with the answer to the following question:

1. In what year did The Upsetters have reach the U.K. top five with "Return Of Django"?

Send all answers to Reggae Competition, S.T. PUBLISHING, P.O. Box 12, Dunoon, Argyll. PA23 7BQ. Scotland., by March 27th. The lucky winner's name will appear in the next issue.

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SPORT

It's Not Cricket!

And it's not sport either, but there wasn't any space on the other pages! This is just a quick reminder to foreign readers that sending cheques and stamps in their own currency is of no use to people in other countries. A 50c stamp for instance is of as much use to us here in the U.K. as a fridge is to an Eskimo. And the same is true of dollar cheques. So please put a little thought into it, and you'll save yourself and others a lot of time and trouble. If you have any doubts about placing an order, just send an International Reply Coupon (available at your Post Office) and ask for more details. Thanks for listening!

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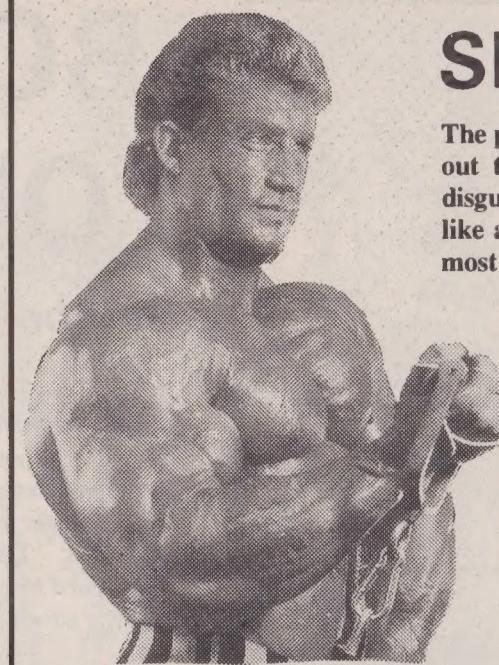
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SKINHEAD MUSCLE!

The photo on the left might not come out too clearly, but even that won't disguise the fact that the bloke is built like a tank. He's got muscles where most people don't even have body.

Hardly surprising then that the man in question, Dorian Yates, has just finished second in the Mr. Olympia championship for the world's top bodybuilders.

For a British bodybuilder to reach such heights is more amazing, but of greatest interest is the fact that Dorian used to be a

skinhead.

The tattoos on the forearm are proof of this. On his left arm is a Doc Marten boot with SKINS '69-'80 written below it, and on his right arm is a bulldog with a Union Jack.

Some of you may well remember him from his days of hanging around the Last Resort shop in East London and down Petticoat Lane market.

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